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Ron Paul on "Nonintervention: The Original Foreign Policy" at the Future of Freedom Foundation's <http://fff.org> Restoring the Republic, 2007.

While serving in Congress during the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Paul's limited-government ideals were not popular in Washington. He served on the House Banking committee, where he was a strong advocate for sound monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures. He also was a key member of the Gold Commission, advocating a return to a gold standard for our currency. He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending, and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

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so first of all I think it's safe to say that most libertarians have a worst track record of voting than most college students or whatever then we keep getting called out for some more importantly than money I would say is first libertarians and Republicans actually leading by example and talking with their mouths because without that all the money isn't going to go anywhere now my question for you is with our current economic issues we would probably like to see you follow up on some of these issues with the gold standard and with price fixes and subsidies these would all be very good things but something we've talked about the conference a lot is how powerful the executive has become today more powerful than it was ever supposed to be so how would you reconcile the changes you need to make to make this a more free society with the actual defined role of the executive today I'm not quite sure I'm sorry but I didn't get all the words and I didn't quite get that I'm sorry okay sorry um in are in the conference this weekend we've talked about how powerful the executive has become yes and how would you basically reconcile wanting to make these changes for for your society with the actually very limited role the executive was supposed to have in the Constitution okay well you that goes back to my point that nothing happens unless you change the prevailing opinion of the people and if the people still want us to one run a welfare state in a war for state nothing happens even if you have one new president so you have to you have to get a consensus and but but when the people speak out and they

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but when the people speak out and they want it then the Congress will will respect and reflect on that but there's a lot of difficulties ahead because you know everybody admires a strong president I don't think anybody wants a weak president even I wouldn't want to be a weak president but I want to use my strength to do the right things like resist the temptation to regulate your live resist the temptation to think I know how to run the economy and resist the temptation of seeking power to run the world that's why you should use your strength full but we have a long way to go to that point to get the American people to understand that fully so would you say then dr. Paul that along with your reputation is being dr. know that that basically you would use your veto power to its logical conclusion yeah I think that would be assumed yes and I think it would be also assumed that I would recognize the responsibility of the Congress and even though these

these laws that they're sending I would never use signing statements and and that means it should be vetoed and not have signing statements i wouldn't use executive orders but I'm really working hard because I'm pretty well convinced that you know I might want not want to legislate with executive orders but maybe we could repeal all the executive orders we don't like I like to say one thing to everyone here our first task is to get you nominated but once you are nominated we have to be sure that the Republican Party does not do to you what they did you Goldwater that was they did not mount a campaign for him you're you're our immediate hope for the future

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you're our immediate hope for the future and we wish you well I think the I think function has to be made that you can't depend on the organized Republican Party to come to our rescue I mean I recognize that just running as for congressional seat because not only did they not help but they worked very hard to keep me from getting back into Congress so no I think I should go without saying which means that you have to have alternative ways of campaigning and raising money and compensating but that's what it's available to us this time Iran which has not been available for even today it's much more available the internet and and the activity on the web pages and all much greater than was just 23 years ago so this can compensate for the lack of support by the official party but no that is a real problem too since you are brought up about the Apollo wolf of it so what's your position on the other World Bank and the International Monetary Fund I don't know whether that would be the first day or the second day we get rid of those actually I have to qualify that we wouldn't get rid of them because we might not have the entire authority because other countries are involved we would just get the United States out of it and no more tax dollars going to them congressman one thing you can depend on the Republican Party to do and I used to be part of that machine will be to smear you when they think you're gaining too much traction and you're making them too uncomfortable enforcing to talk about the issues that you know need to be

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the issues that you know need to be talked about and I just want you two to address that because you know the Karl Rove's and people this world as soon as your numbers start going up and you distract them they're going to want to distract you so I'd like you to address that well my first way of addressing that is that I have already warned my wife because she is getting excited about campaigning and it actually likes campaigning and enjoying it very much I told her you better be prepared to them now you have to be prepared because if we do continue to to grow and in strength and have an impact yes I don't know exactly how you handle each incident because it turned out that on the night of that debate in South Carolina I thought the whole thing was over I mean you can't imagine how lonely of a feeling that is when you think the entire country is opposed to you and that you just you know just blew the whole thing but it was only ten minutes later that my staff gave it to me today hey you're winning in the polls so we'll handle it the best way we can as we meet the problems

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